

## Portland Residential Roundtable March 9, 2010

- HES: Existing Homes updates
  - Marshall Johnson
    - Has begun to work directly at Energy Trust in new position
    - Position will be transitioning over to a new Trade Ally Manager
  - windows new process for documenting dimensions of a window
    - If unable to get dimensions from manufacturer than you use windows addendum sheet
    - still required to have sticker or documentation that shows U-factor
  - Mobile homes: additional windows incentive in April
    - still second measure required
  - Training:
    - HES training part one and specification manual webinars- now required training for new trade allies
    - Go to trade ally training calendar to sign up for other trainings
  - Tiering: continue to support contractors
    - Rapid growth and offer guidelines for emerging or established Contractor
    - First phase: launch July 1
    - More details in the break out session
  - Changes to weatherization specification manual:
    - Draft of proposed 2010 specs on website
    - send suggestions to [hestradeally@csgrp.com](mailto:hestradeally@csgrp.com)
    - March 26<sup>th</sup> a webinar to review comments and final manual
    - July 1 new manual will be in use
  - 2010 trade ally survey is out- please share your feedback
  - Duct Sealing residential tax credit:
    - New process for tax credits
    - turn in Energy Trust incentive paperwork to Energy Trust and Energy Trust will verify PTCS to the state
    - All projects installed after March 15<sup>th</sup> the contractor listed as ODOE certified will provide paperwork to the customer- contractor must provide this to customer who submits form to ODOE
    - Energy Trust will keep track of ones that qualify for RETC and give this information to the state once a month for PTCS
    - Contractor must be registered with Oregon Department of Energy for customer to receive tax credit
  - Heat Pump: Comes from PTCS and Check Me!
    - Contractor will need to provide RETC application to customer
- If you are trying to work on processing issue and not getting information needed
  - there are resources for trade ally to help represent your prospective and answer any additional questions

## -Multi-family Program Updates:

- Now part of commercial side but doesn't change much externally
- also contact program before starting a project for 5 units or more
- New Multifamily projects also rolled for to commercial new buildings program
  
- New Homes Program Updates:
  - Advanced Performance Pathways:
    - List of suggested measure to help builders optimize incentives and measures- package
    - Prescriptive path
    - based on energy modeling and verification in the field
    - for non ducted gas or non ducted heat pump homes
    - more information on the website
  - Introducing new solar ready measure
    - goes along with advanced performance pathway
    - potential extra \$400 incentive
    - Hoping it will encourage builders to put systems in place to provide owner the option to get solar- increase uptake
  - Events:
    - ultimate open house: large number of homes on the tour in the metro area
      - many with have Energy Performance Score
      - educate home owner on this and help them with additional tool to comparison shop
    - Building Best Practice training: comprehensive workshop
    - Energy Performance Score Webinars;
      - sign up on training calendar
  - Products updates:
    - New incentive for Energy Start Dishwasher \$25 in 2010
  - Scott Leonard will be filling in for the next few months while Andrea is on maternity leave
  
- Solar Electric and Solar Water Heating Updates
  - Installation requirements are being updated – only changes to solar water heating
  - Annual Northwest Solar Expo: 4 days of contractor training and then 2 days of consumer expo
    - continued education credits available
    - Oregon Convention center April 27<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Solarize Portland efforts: successful & popular with consumers
    - began with SE Portland
    - exceeded expectations
    - NE Portland going on now
    - SW Portland and Pendleton starting the process
  - Push on solar pool heating: targeting residential, multifamily, and lodging
    - Direct mail and targeted outreach this spring

- Feed in tariff for solar electric incentives
  - Either choose Energy Trust and state tax credit OR feed in tariff
  - Both can still take advantage of federal
  - launching in July
  - Customers of PGE pacific power and Idaho power
  
- Tom General Updates:
  - Web listings: certification display is back up and can now filter trade allies certifications on web
    - are there any certifications we should add? Let us know
  - Trade Ally Survey: on the trade ally landing page
    - please provide feedback
  - Insider:
    - Primary means for communicating with trade allies
    - please make sure you are on the list
  - Roundtables:
    - would like your feedback
  - Tom dedicated to trade ally now only and more dedicated resource to trade allies
  
- Diane Ferington: Residential Sector Lead
  - Going to DC- award for Sustained Excellence with Energy Star
  - Home Star: cash for caulkers- will be learning more
    - Home Performance contractors will need to become accredited and process has been streamlined by BPI
    - Also incentives available for non-home performance contractors with Silver Star
  - Clean Energy Works Portland: Submitted proposal to Home Star
    - The city of Portland submitted the proposal and taking the lead
    - will hear in the next week or two
  
- Feedback:
  - BPI continuing education:
    - would like to see listed on the website and doesn't show up
    - Very specific and should push this to have credits for this
    - House as a system does receive credit for this
    - We will look into this
    - BPI technician certification will be brought hopefully in quarter 3
      - For insulation and air sealing
  - Asking about paperwork processing: yes more options on the website & electronic apps
    - will be streamlining the forms as a project this year
    - Takes too long to process paperwork- online would make this faster